

THURSDAY, JAN. 16, 1879.

POLITICAL.—The Democrats on the Potter committee have decided to investigate the cipher intercepts. The Republican members did not vote. Afraid to.

Gov. Hoyt will be inaugurated next Tuesday. The two houses of the Legislature will elect a United States Senator in the afternoon of the same day.

The Grant movement is languishing.

Mr. B. Hayes expresses himself well pleased with resumption. It strikes us that he is chronically satisfied with most everything.

Grant has drawn a good many cooks in his day but it turns out now that he isn't able to "draw" in Cook.

There has been much Republican bairn over the recent defeat of Tammany, and yet it appears that "Boss" Kelley, in his capacity as Comptroller of New York, has during the year, reduced the city debt about \$40,000,000.

In his message Governor Hartman called attention to the loss of Staff-Soldiers in the service of the Army at Brown, Baird Taylor, and Michael. Not a word about Robert W. McKey. The Governor is quoted as saying that he did not consider that Mr. McKey's political career entitled him to a place in the message.—*Price Chronicle.*

The New York Mail says the death of Mackay is the prelude to the breaking up of the Cameron ring.

The White House emboder is stricken by food consumption. The White House is the struggling Washington statesman.—*Chevy Chase.*

The Grant club is getting up "The Loyal Legion of the United States." They fly.

Grant bottled Ben Butler and the Irish uncorked Grant.

WASHINGTON Letter to New York Herald.—The People have seen determined that a man who has won guilty of atrocious crimes in the South shall be punished. Yet, of course, they say, Garfield, Kellogg and the rest of the lot are safe. There is nothing in that determination or why it is that they don't take to their heels.

The Greenbackers elected to the Legislature, and their own candidate for speaker, and all my friends voted for the Republican candidate, and them for the Democratic candidate. How does this sit on the stomach of the average greenback voter?—*Starbury Democrat.*

It is believed that Gen. Butler will throw one of his heretical ticks of Massachusetts bull-dozing when he gets comfortably warm in his Congressional seat.

Why don't the Republican President send out a whole squadron instead of a single ship, and give Bullock, Babcock, Ross Shepherd and the whole Whiskey Ring and Post Tender combination a chance to accompany their Head Centre around the world?

TWELVE Greenback papers have died in Iowa since the fall elections.

Grant has gone to Paris. He must keep moving in order to be talked about.

The general opinion here is that, at a social gathering, Mr. Cameron will go into the armchair, and say, "What is known in Harrisburg as 'Spoon' is what is known in Washington as 'spoon'—and that it will have the desired effect." Cameron will be asked to effect that some of the men over by anti-Cameron men will be won over by a little ready cash.—*Washington Letter.*

The Camrons still live. Old Simon has sent his son boy's name—a veritable child with the old kin of Knock downing down the persistent.—*Chicago Times.*

If John A. Logan should be elected to the Senate from Illinois it would encourage the Grant movement and the Whiskey Ring in about equal proportions.—*White Times.*

For the first time in almost a quarter of a century, when the state

went hell-bound

For Governor Kent."

Maine now rejoices in a Democratic chief magistrate.

The Republicans in the Legislature held their U. S. Senatorial caucuses last Wednesday evening, and Dan Cameron was nominated. There were 114 Republicans present—25 absent.

The Greek stock members, at a caucus, resolved to ratify Judge Agnew for United States Senator.

The absence of 25 Republicans at the Cameron caucuses caused considerable uneasiness, but a "bowl" is quickly looked for, and Dan is said to reward his caucuses as unclouded. At all events, he is presumed to know how to make the thing all right. Republican pluck and honesty are as nothing against Cameron seductiveness.

S. H. St. MARTIN is out in an affable visit making charges against Congress man Steiner. St. Martin has been promised an office in the New Orleans internal revenue service by the Republicans present—25 absent.

A REMARKABLE array of figures purporting to show the number of United States Deputy Marshals is printed in some of the papers. It is said that, by the Attorney General's own report, it appears that twelve thousand six hundred and seventy-nine persons were employed in this work. Their superintendence would seem to have been on the simple basis of partisan necessities and without any regard whatever to cost, legally or properly. In South Carolina there were nearly four hundred on duty at seventeen posts; in Louisiana, seventeen hundred for one hundred and twenty posts; in Delaware, one hundred and thirty-five for ten posts; in Maryland, twelve hundred and twenty-four for one hundred and five posts; and, respectively, in the District of Columbia, the number of marshals was not given.

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A Washington Dispatch to the Tribune says Mr. Steiner utterly denies it. Mr. Steiner's charges, and that he expects to be able to demonstrate their falsity in a very few days. He denies especially that he ever intimated to anyone that witnesses should not be returned by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and the clerks engaged in taking up the remains of their dead to be interred over the body of a deceased member of the house to provide for the Democratic ticket. For no portion of this infamy are the Democrats in congress responsible, but they have now the power to abolish the committee so that the depositors may save the little that remains and that the Freedmen's bank should be abated.

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FARM AND HOUSE.

POATO CULTURE.

This was the subject before the FARMERS' SOCIETY at a meeting held at the residence of Mr. Henry Culp of P. on Friday last.

Sold for potatoes should be light, but one of the most耐久的 potatoes in the clay soil, natural and plowed under in full soil. It is best, are preferable. Plant early, and again in June; eat potatoes, and plant 9 to 10 inches apart, in rows 3 feet apart. Harvest as soon as up. Planted in the same patch for years, would not plant so that the potatoes are to reach their perfection in the hot weather. To kill bugs are Paris Green in water, say one tablespoonful to a large watering can, and apply it to the evening. "Farmers' Favorite" did very well; "Early Ohio" matured in 60 days and did well; like to cut potatoes 7 to 10 days before planting, so that they will.

Another member plants year after year on the same high gravelly patch, and has never missed a crop; prefers new, fresh horse manure, with a great deal of straw; plants deep, and thoroughly drained land, and success, in a proper climate, will be certain. It can be four times during a season, and cattle are exceptionally fond of it. There is nothing superior to it for milk, and it makes good butter, our common clover. When cured, it makes an excellent hay, which cattle eat extravagantly fond of, if land is well subdivided, and made very rich, it will produce yearly at least six tons per acre.

Wm. Fullerton,
New York, Dec. 24, 1878.

DISPERSAL OF SEEDS.

The thistle, the dandelion, and the cattail bush, grow their seeds with long tufts of hair, and may be easily gossamer, by which they are carried on the wings of the wind to a distance from the shadow of their mother plant, where they may root themselves in the vacant soil. The maple, the oak, and the pine, supply their embryos with flattened wings, which serve them in like manner, though less effectively. Both these we may classify as wind-dispersed seeds.

A second set of plants have seed-wings which burst open explosively when ripe, and scatter their contents to a considerable distance. The balloon forms the commonest example in our European gardens; but a well known tropical tree, the sand-box, displays the same peculiarity in a form which is almost alarming, as its hard, dry capsules fly apart with the report of a pistol and drive out the seed slung with such force as to make a blow on the cheek decidedly unpleasant. Those we may designate as self-dispersed seeds.

Another was most successful by placing the seed and applying a few licks. In the view, has not succeeded by planting small potatoes. Always packed the bags, but will use Paris Green in the liquid form next year. Plants the "Farmers' Favorite" for early and late. Plants very early in the spring, never missed a crop when planted in a propitious time.

Another applied manure on the surface and also plowed it down, and succeeded both ways. Wants a deep manure, that will retain moisture, but not the kind that will kill corn.

Another had raised potatoes for 30 years. Worked the ground in February, if possible; and succeeded in planting small potatoes; plants in rows 3 feet apart, and pieces of potato manure in the rows; often gives fertilizer in the rows, with the shovel plough. Spreads the last fine manure over the patch, say 4 hands deep; it is risky. Plant on a northern exposure. For bugs prefers Paris Green in a solution of 1 teaspoonful to 1 gallon of water.

Others also detailed experiences—that potatoes must have good, rich, deep soil, with clean and frequent water; that they can be grown with profit; that large potatoes are preferable to small ones—that May planting is not to be recommended—that potatoes should have plenty of room for development—and that the use of Paris Green in the liquid form is safest and best.

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Mr. Peter Mackley presided for the day; Mr. John Wertz secretary. The Social was entertained with elegant hospitality.

IS YORK WHOLESALE?

The Germania Telegraph breaks out into the following rhapsody in praise of its favorite meat, which will, no doubt, be appreciated by many:

We find a question raised as to the wholesomeness of pork, some partisans claiming against it as an article of food, &c. What a piece of folly it is! this late day to raise such an issue! Pork-eaters, comprised of about nine-tenths of the civilized population of the world, will scorn at such notions.

For all persons of active habits pork is just as wholesome as anything else, and far more sustaining. It is true that if too much is eaten at a time—in other words, if people will make "hogs" of themselves—they will have to suffer for it as for an overplus of other "fodder." To discard pork would be to discard one of the main items going into our "vital statistics." What would become of the army and navy, of our merchant marine, of, in a word, the great mass of our population, if pork were to be thrown overboard? The idea is supremely absurd—the fact would be just cause for a sumptuary revolution. No! go on, ye pork-eaters, among whom we number ourselves, with a craving stomach; boil or broil your ham, pickle your sides, cabbage and crot your chines, souse your pigs' feet, and enjoy yourselves upon swine's meat to your hearts' content. Fling not dirt at us, for we are the sumptuary revolutionists.

RID AGRICULTURE.—Young man, before beginning to read law, medicine or theology, ask yourself if it would not be better to read agriculture and practice it. Are not the so-called learned professions crowded to their utmost? The law is more inviting, for it offers little field open before you as a learned factor, than as a learned lawyer, divine or doctor? To attain distinction in any of these professions, you will, most likely, have to go through the starting process for several years, and to labor harder than any farm laborer. Think twice before you make a living by your pen.

Pork unwholesome! Nobody except

a lean, cadaverous, sedentary biped, who is obliged to live, probably on account of early dissipation, on Graham bread and weak tea, would be guilty of such a slander!

EVERLASTING CLOVER—ALFALFA.

EAS. COUNTRY GENTLEMEN—Your correspondent, G. J. Elgin, N. Y., p. 56, desires information in regard to Everlasting Clover, so extensively grown in Germany, and asks whether it has been introduced into the United States. This plant attracted my attention while traveling in Germany in the summer of 1876, and since my return I have made repeated inquiries, but have failed to learn that it has ever been grown in this country. From its general appearance, I judge it to be a species of lucerne. It differs from me, I think, only in the color of its flowers—pink. I have seen several fields where it was growing in great luxuriance, on comparatively poor soil, and learned that it had been sown several times during the season. Thinking it might be a valuable forage plant in the United States, I made an effort to procure some of the seed while in Germany, but found it a very difficult thing to do. There are no seed stores there, nor any farmer raising what he wants for his own use only. After sending a messenger out into the country on three different railroads, several hundred miles, I succeeded in obtaining about a peck of the seed, which I brought home and planted with great care. It was evidently old seed, for it was very few seeds germinated, and not more than

a half dozen of these lived. They have been nursed with great care and next summer I hope to get some of the seed and commence the cultivation of the plant. If it succeeds in our climate, I doubt not that it will be a valuable forage plant.

Another correspondent, G. L. Blackville, Va., asks information about growing alfalfa (lucerne). I have succeeded in raising it in Virginia, and find it a very valuable crop for sowing cattle. It should be sown early in September, without any other crop, on very rich, deep, and thoroughly drained land, and success, in a proper climate, will be certain. It can be four times during a season, and cattle are exceedingly fond of it. There is nothing superior to it for milk, and it makes good butter, our common clover. When cured, it makes an excellent hay, which cattle eat extravagantly fond of, if land is well subdivided, and made very rich, it will produce yearly at least six tons per acre.

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New York, Dec. 24, 1878.

CUT THIS OUT!

The thistle, the dandelion, and the cattail bush, grow their seeds with long tufts of hair, and may be easily gossamer, by which they are carried on the wings of the wind to a distance from the shadow of their mother plant, where they may root themselves in the vacant soil. The maple, the oak, and the pine, supply their embryos with flattened wings, which serve them in like manner, though less effectively. Both these we may classify as wind-dispersed seeds.

A second set of plants have seed-wings which burst open explosively when ripe, and scatter their contents to a considerable distance. The balloon forms the commonest example in our European gardens; but a well known tropical tree, the sand-box, displays the same peculiarity in a form which is almost alarming, as its hard, dry capsules fly apart with the report of a pistol and drive out the seed slung with such force as to make a blow on the cheek decidedly unpleasant. Those we may designate as self-dispersed seeds.

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